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10/100 MB Ethernet Over Fiber

Printer Friendly

SureWest Internet offers flexible and affordable solutions for companies of any size, including those tackling growth issues. For businesses with more than one location in a metropolitan area, Ethernet services provide a simple, cost-effective solution to private network interconnectivity.

You can achieve point-to-point or any-to-any connectivity - or a mixture of both with an Ethernet connection. Ethernet services offer an increasingly popular solution, eliminating the need for ongoing configuration, management and additional equipment. This service allows you to enjoy the benefits of broadband LAN interconnectivity without the added expense of telecom provisioning.

Ethernet delivers superior dedicated high-capacity bandwidth and service for your private network at a reduced cost. You also have the option of implementing additional features, including a simple, point-to-point, non-switched configuration.

Ethernet services make private network interconnectivity simple. Enjoy backbone-class bandwidths across your multi-facility network - without the cost and responsibility of purchasing, configuring and managing additional equipment.

Standard Features

- Optimum backbone-class performance with a 10 or 100 MB over fiber connection
- No more WAN transport performance constraints
- Scalable bandwidth to support your growing business
- Complete management of the local-loop circuit to your business
- Managed circuit services available
- 24 x 7 customer notification of downtime in the event of a network outage
- 24 x 7 monitoring of your circuit from our network operations center
- Ongoing traffic analysis
- Proactive Internet access and security solution recommendations, appropriate for your business
- Value-added options including: end router, firewall, VPN and IP Sec
- Multiple IP addresses as justified
- Primary and Secondary Domain Name Service (DNS)
- News Reader Service (NNRP)
- Live 24 x 7 technical support

- Terms of Service for Business Internet Services
- Acceptable Use Policy

For pricing information or to speak with a representative please call **916.640.2992**.

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US Signal Announces Metro Market Expansion in Chicago, Illinois

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 26, 2007 - US Signal, a leading provider of data bandwidth capacity in the Midwest today announced its plans to add five additional points of presence in metro Chicago, Illinois during the month of August of this year.

US Signal's expansion of its network introduces service access at the following locations:

- Elk Grove Village, Illinois - EGVGILEG
- Oak Brook, Illinois – OKBRILOA
- Chicago (Newcastle), Illinois – CHCGILNE
- Hoffman Estates, Illinois – HFESILWI.
- Schaumburg, Illinois – SCBGILCO

"US Signal's Chicago expansion is driven by customers who are seeking alternative providers in the downtown business district as well as its surrounding cities," said Barry Raterink, president. "The network expansion will provide a very cost effective way for existing and new Chicago based customers to seamlessly connect to US Signal's fiber network in the Midwest."

The Chicago expansion will add over 115 metro route miles to the US Signal network and create a total of 260 metro route miles of fiber on the Chicago metro ring. Along with recently added Northbrook, Illinois (NBRKILNT) and La Grange, Illinois (LGRCILLG), the five new access points have more than doubled US Signal's network density in the Chicago metro market in the past year.

The US Signal network, the largest in the Midwest, includes more than 700 route miles of fiber optic metro rings in 14 markets and over 3,500 route miles of long haul fiber connecting more than 100 on-off ramps, comprised of major carrier hotel locations and incumbent telephone company central offices.

About US Signal

US Signal (www.ussignalcom.com) is a full-service fiber optic solutions provider, offering a wide range of telecommunications solutions to carrier, wholesale and enterprise customers. The Company has built and developed one of the most comprehensive fiber optic networks in the Midwest. As a full-service solutions provider, US Signal offers unlimited high-speed capacity, dark fiber and collocation services, and also works with customers to design and build new network construction projects.

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For Immediate Release

Veroxity Further Extends Its Ethernet Offerings Throughout Europe

Provides International Connectivity to Major Metropolitan European Cities

Bedford, MA — February 28, 2007 - Veroxity Technology Partners, an industry leader and innovator in building fiber diverse mission critical optical networks for enterprise customers, today announces it has further extended its Ethernet offerings throughout Europe. Veroxity's Ethernet offerings allow customers to seamlessly optically connect to Veroxity's national backbone for global WAN connectivity.

Veroxity offers enterprise customers the ability to diversely protect their transatlantic data communications via Boston and New York City. Multiple geo-diversely routed cable systems are utilized to provide unmatched reliability, diversity and low latency. Major metropolitan cities Veroxity services today are: Dublin, London, Luxembourg, Munich, Oslo, and Paris

"We are acutely listening to our customers needs for a single source vendor for high availability – zero downtime networks across the globe, and responding, comments Matthew Roth, Chief Network Architect, Veroxity Technology Partners. With our knowledge of Transatlantic cable systems and European carrier network footprints and partnerships, our customers are assured their data is securely transported."

About Veroxity Technology Partners

Veroxity Technology Partners is a privately held facilities-based carrier delivering fiber diverse mission critical optical networks for enterprise-class customers. The company's owned and operated national network backbone, provides high availability optical connectivity for data center, storage applications, business continuity and mission critical data delivery. With its suite of optical connectivity offerings (SONET, DWDM, Ethernet, Frame, Private Lines and Internet access), Veroxity delivers end-to-end network connectivity worldwide. Veroxity is the provider of choice for businesses that require absolutely no interruption in their data communications. Founded in 1999, Veroxity is headquartered in Bedford, MA.

For more information on Veroxity, visit http://www.veroxity.com.

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NEW ACCELERATED WAN SERVICE FROM VIRTELA IMPROVES GLOBAL NETWORK PERFORMANCE AND MAXIMIZES RESOURCES

Managed WAN Optimization Gives Enterprises the Ease and Flexibility to Move Operations and Applications Anywhere Without Incurring Performance Penalties

Key Enterprise Benefits:

- Improve application performance up to 30-fold
- Lower bandwidth costs and avoid costly WAN upgrades
- Centralize applications and operations while maximizing IT infrastructure

DENVER, June 28, 2007 - Virtela, the secure network solutions company, today announced its Accelerated WAN Service, the industry's first consultative approach toward managed WAN acceleration and optimization services capable of spanning multi-carrier environments on a global scale. Virtela's Accelerated WAN Service is a comprehensive managed suite of services that overcomes distance limitations by improving application and protocol performance over the WAN by a factor of two to three times on average, or as much as a factor of 30 times, depending on the application.

[Editor's note: Virtela provides a webinar available on demand entitled: "WAN Optimization and Acceleration: Cool Technology...But It's Not as Easy as You Think!" at www.virtela.net/resourcecenter_webcasts.html.]

As a result, employees in remote offices can now experience the same application performance as their colleagues at headquarters. In addition, Virtela's Accelerated WAN Service enables enterprises and multinationals to maximize their current bandwidth costs (or avoid new costs) and move their operations and applications anywhere in the world without incurring the potential performance penalties typically associated with 'chatty' applications and large files traversing long distances across the WAN.

"High latency can slow applications to a crawl, and sending large files over the WAN can take far too long," said Bill Dodds, Virtela's vice president of sales and marketing. "Problems like these can have a significant impact on applications' usability and on overall productivity. Our Accelerated WAN Service greatly improves the user experience, making it seem as if remote applications are loading from the local site and slashing file transfer time."

Companies implementing Virtela's Accelerated WAN Service can maximize the use of their existing resources, avoid adding infrastructure, improve bandwidth performance, and maximize productivity in a global environment. Large national and multinational companies, or companies that outsource work such as software and product design overseas, can use the service to improve WAN performance in a variety of situations. For example, Virtela's new service reduces the impact of latency on global and remote locations, where users may complain of slow application performance due to latencies of 200ms or more. The Accelerated WAN Service also reduces transmission times for organizations with users who regularly send large files over the network to remote sites-files such as email attachments, file transfers, and CAD diagrams that are 5MB or higher. Lower latency and faster file transfers translate into improved employee productivity and also free up the WAN for other tasks. With the same high level of performance throughout the WAN, companies have the flexibility to move their operations and applications anywhere.

"WAN optimization is about improving the performance of business applications over WAN connections. Most networks carry a variety of types of traffic, of differing characteristics and importance. Many organizations are striving to manage this traffic to optimize the response times of critical applications and reduce costs, given that bandwidth continues to represent a significant proportion of operating expenditure of wide-area data networks," noted the report "Magic Quadrant for WAN Optimization Controllers, 2006" from Gartner, Inc. The report also

notes that WAN optimization can make more efficient and effective use of wide-area connections, thus maximizing the investment in WAN bandwidth and offering greater scalability and fault tolerance.

The Many Benefits of Improved WAN Service
Customers can use Virtela's Accelerated WAN Service not only to improve WAN service on an existing network but also to avoid WAN bandwidth upgrades they would otherwise need to deploy a new application, to increase the number of users, or simply to avoid running out of bandwidth. The benefits of an optimized WAN are many:

- Companies can more quickly and efficiently back up data across the WAN.
- The impact of 'chatty' protocols that consume a great deal of bandwidth, such as CIFS, can now be minimized.
- Enterprises can continue server consolidation into data centers without the fear of adversely affecting application performance for remote users.
- Improved WAN performance can eliminate bottlenecks caused by servers.

Service Flexibility for Accelerated WAN Performance
Virtela offers a number of options to organizations interested in implementing its Accelerated WAN Service. Customers can purchase a WAN acceleration device by itself, or Virtela can bundle the device with existing access services such as last-mile connectivity. Customers can also choose to use Virtela Collocation Services to place a device in a geographic location which will allow a customer with multiple sites to benefit from a single WAN acceleration device. Virtela supports a variety of optimization technologies from the industry's leading suppliers. This service is available in 190 countries, and includes procurement, export, deployment, break/fix and management.

About Virtela

Virtela Communications Inc. delivers award-winning network and security solutions to many of the world's largest and fastest-growing multinational companies. Currently serving customers across six continents, Virtela's network reach spans more than 190 countries. Virtela's unique Global Service Fabric offers the foundation for delivering all critical business applications via the company's acclaimed service methodology, with a services suite that includes IP-based Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), security services, Voice over IP, Video over IP, and network consulting services.

Virtela is headquartered in Denver, Colorado, with a second Network Operations Center in Mumbai, India. Virtela is a member of Juniper Networks' (Nasdaq: JNPR) Managed Network Solutions Preferred Alliance Program. For more information, please call +1 (720) 475-4000 or visit www.virtela.net.

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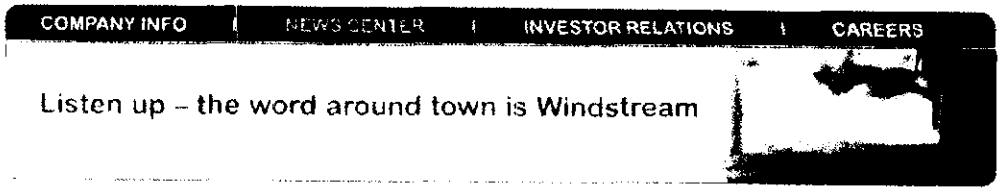

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Windstream ConnectStream enables businesses to 'connect anything to everything'
Expanded suite of business customer products includes new Ethernet offering
Release date: Oct 9, 2006

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Windstream Communications announced today a newly branded ConnectStream suite of business products that enables customers to "connect anything to everything."

ConnectStream voice and data products provide geographically dispersed large and small businesses increased connectivity, service and larger bandwidth choices while simplifying their networks by virtually meshing multiple local area networks together over a private IP/MPLS network.

"In this global climate, our business customers need the flexibility to connect wherever they are with whatever systems they have," said Don Perkins, Windstream vice president of product marketing. "With Windstream's highly reliable network, customers can choose from a variety of broadband, voice, web hosting and managed services that provide cost-effective solutions to meet any business needs."

Under the new ConnectStream umbrella, Windstream is launching Virtual LAN Service (VLS), which virtually connects businesses with MPLS-powered Ethernet connectivity for high-speed data transmissions and is available over existing fiber or copper connections. VLS brings advanced networking solutions to rural areas – where Windstream is focused – enabling businesses even in remote locations to centralize their data applications.

The ConnectStream VLS product is ideal for converging video, voice and data applications and can be applied to a variety of industries, including healthcare, banking, education and government. Perkins said Habersham Bank in North Georgia, for example, is using a Windstream Ethernet network to connect its branches to a centralized server for all check clearing and local data applications.

"The data services market is undergoing an accelerating transition from legacy Frame Relay, ATM, and TDM private line services toward Layer 2 Ethernet and Layer 3 VPN services," said Stan Hubbard, senior analyst for Heavy Reading, the market research arm of telecommunications news organization Light Reading. "Enterprises increasingly are embracing next-generation Ethernet services like the new one offered by Windstream because they provide greater bandwidth and are more flexible, scalable, and cost-effective than traditional services."

Initially, Windstream will offer its ConnectStream VLS product in North Georgia and plans to expand to other markets in the near future.

Windstream will feature its ConnectStream products at the COMPTEL PLUS trade show Oct. 8-11 in Orlando, Fla. For more information on Windstream, visit www.windstream.com.

About Windstream

Windstream Corporation (NYSE: WIN) provides voice, broadband and entertainment services to customers in 16 states. The company has approximately 3.3 million access lines and about $3.2 billion in annual revenues. For more information, visit www.windstream.com.

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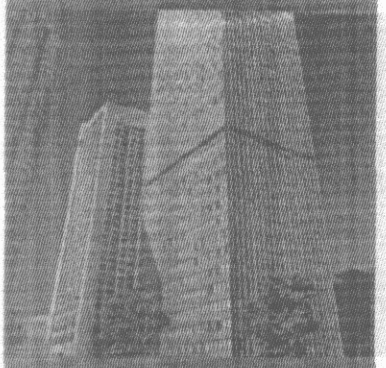
The Universal Transport System™ for Metro Ethernet



The Universal Transport System from Ceterus Networks delivers Ethernet service to any location, from any location, at any speed, over copper or fiber—today.

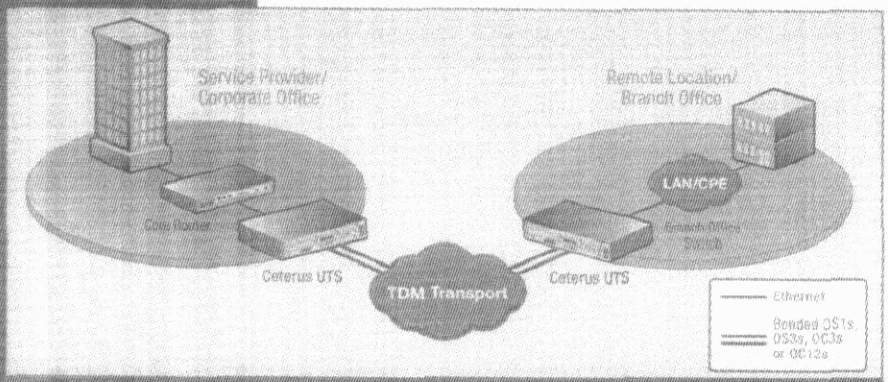
SMART TRANSPORT

The Ceterus Universal Transport System (UTS) offers service providers and enterprises a fresh approach to the problem of Metro Ethernet transport. Ceterus brings the simplicity, reliability, and circuit-based QoS capabilities of the legacy TDM network into the Ethernet world.

By decoupling Ethernet client traffic from underlying transport formats, operators can take advantage of the existing telecom infrastructure to carry Ethernet. Decoupling also enables Ceterus Networks' smart transport, because it removes the constraint of offering Ethernet services in standard TDM increments—T1 (1.5 Mbps), T3 (45 Mbps), or SONET rates. The Ceterus UTS bonds multiple T1s, T3s, OC3s or OC12s to create a seamless, robust "virtual pipe" of any size—whatever is required for the service, from 1.5 Mbps all the way to 2.5 Gbps. The UTS can carry any Ethernet service an enterprise requires, from a 1 Mbps Ethernet service all the way to multiple Gigabit Ethernet services at line rate.

DEDICATED LAYER ONE SOLUTION

Most Ethernet is transported across the WAN by routers with T1, T3 or OC3/OC12 output port cards. But routers are optimized for Layer 2 & 3 functions, not as transport devices. This results in expensive, purely routed architectures that constrain the user to data rates other than what they really need. Current bonding methods such as ML PPP or IMA, offer an incomplete solution, as they add additional expense and inefficiency. The best approach is to let routers do routing, and leave the transport to dedicated transport platforms. This is the Ceterus Networks approach.



The Ceterus UTS enables Ethernet service transport over any existing infrastructure. Connect distributed enterprise locations with easily-adjusted bandwidth by bonding TDM circuits.

NEW ARCHITECTURE ALTERNATIVES

The UTS creates a "virtual router port" anywhere the service provider or IT manager wants it. Rather than deploy a router to every site that needs an Ethernet connection, with the UTS one can extend ports from a core router out to each site. To the user it appears as if the port from the core router is at their location, and they plug in to a standard cost-effective Ethernet interface. This allows the best capital efficiency by enabling higher utilization of expensive core or main office devices, while limiting expense at remote locations—not just through savings on equipment, but on management as well.

ADD VALUE TO ETHERNET

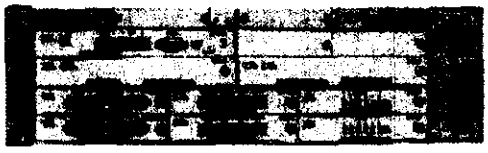
The UTS does away with Ethernet as a "best-effort only" service. It offers bandwidth and QoS guarantees by giving the user options to rate-shape subscriber interface rates, in 1 Mbps increments, on a per-port basis. Administrators can set three levels of priority for client traffic, akin to Frame Relay services, including "guaranteed." This allows service providers or IT managers to create feature-rich services for client traffic, with or without oversubscription.

EASIER NETWORK MANAGEMENT

The UTS is transparent to Layer 2 and Layer 3—meaning that for the first time, operators can choose how to administer their Ethernet Networks as they traverse the WAN. Many IT managers prefer not to have a separate subnet for each site using a corporate Transparent LAN Service. The Ceterus UTS allows this type of "flat" network. Or users can create subnets as desired, for data to be transported over UTS enabled links. Either way, there are no complicated routing protocols to manage. As a transparent platform, the UTS supports full VLAN and Class of Service, as well as any other Ethernet service required by the application. The UTS product family will "future proof" your access network.

PRODUCTS

There is a Ceterus Networks UTS platform for every application, from carrier-class, fully redundant, multi-service applications to small business integrated voice and Ethernet access services.



UTS1100

With up to eight Gigabit Ethernet ports, or up to sixteen 10/100 Ethernet ports, the Ceterus UTS1100 is the ideal multi-tenant Ethernet Access platform. It transports client data over up to twelve bonded DS3s, or four bonded OC3s or OC12s—from 45 Mbps all the way to 2.5 Gbps. Modular design, optional redundancy, management via TL1, SNMP or an HTTP GUI, and AC or DC power, this platform enables any environment to take advantage of the promise of Metro Ethernet.

UTS1000

A smaller version of the UTS1100, the UTS1000 uses same interface modules. Two Gigabit or four 10/100 Ethernet ports, and up to six DS3s, or two OC3/OC12s make the UTS1000 ideal for single-location Ethernet applications.

UTS900

The UTS900 is the first integrated voice and Ethernet platform in the UTS product family. Designed for small and medium-sized businesses, it allows client 10/100 Ethernet as well as TDM voice to be carried over bonded T1 facilities. Cost-effective services can be created anywhere with the UTS900.

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